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SUBJECT: IRSP BECOMES LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY

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1. THE NEW "IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY" (IRSP) HAS BEEN FORMALLY REGISTERED HERE AS A POLITICAL PARTY. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION, REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY VALUE JUDGMENTS BUT IS AVAILABLE TO ANY GROUP THAT CAN SHOW SUFFICIENT SUPPORT. THE NEW PARTY HAS CLAIMED A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE REPUBLIC OF 400, SPREAD THROUGH ELEVEN BRANCHES, PLUS 390 MEMBERS IN SEVEN NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCHES.

2. REFTELS REPORTED FOUNDATION OF NEW PARTY AS A SPLINTER GROUP FROM OFFICIAL SINN FEIN. TS PROGRAM AND IDEOLOGY APPEAR TO LIE BETWEEN THOSE OF OFFICIAL SINN FEIN/IRA AND PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN/IRA, ALTHOUGH PARTY LEADERS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY EXPLICIT. LIKE PROVOS, THE NEW GROUP IS INCLINED TO FAVOR A VIOLENT STRUGGLE IN THE NORTH; BUT LIKE THE OFFICIALS, THE IRSP IS INTERESTED IN LEFT-WING IDEOLOGIES.

3. THE NEW PARTY HAD A SPECTACULAR BIRTH IN A VIOLENT AND HEATED FEUD WITH ITS OFFICIAL SINN FEIN/IRA PARENT. MANY LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN KILLED, WITH SOME VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN REPUBLIC AS

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WELL AS IN NORTH. SEVERAL MEDIATION ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND

THE FEUD MAY NOW BE SUBSIDING, BUT THERE IS NO SIGN YET OF A DURABLE PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS. AIN REASON FOR THE FEUD WAS APPARENTLY THE DETERMINATION OF THE OFFICIAL SINN FEIN/IRA TO WIPE OUT THE SPLINTER GROUP BEFORE IT HAD A CHANCE TO GROW. THIS CERTAINLY SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED.

4. WHEN TIME COMES FOR ELECTION, THERE IS NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT THE NEW PARTY WILL HAVE ANY MORE THAN THE DISMAL SHOWING OF CANDIDATES FROM THE PROVISIONAL AND OFFICIAL SINN FEIN. IN A FEW LOCALITIES, POPULAR LOCAL MEN MAY WIN CONTESTS, BUT ANY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AT A NATIONAL LEVEL WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED. FOR THE IRISH VOTERS, A CANDIDATE MUST BE VERY POPULAR INDEED TO OVERCOME ASSOCIATION WITH EXTREMISTS.

5. THE NEW PARTY'S ANNOUNCED LEADER IS SEAMUS CONSTELLO, WHO ENGINEERED THE SPLIT FROM THE OFFICIALS. HIS FORMAL TITLE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY. THE OTHER WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IS BERNADETTE DEVLIN MCALISKEY. ACCORDING TO A RECENT PRESS ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE:

JIM MCCORRY-BELFAST

SEAN FLYNN - BELFAST

VINCENT EGAN - BELFAST

MICK PLUNKETT - DUBLIN

TOMMY MCCOURT - DUBLIN

JERRY JONES - DUBLIN

TERRY ROBSON - DERRY

KITTY O'KANE - DERRY

J. QUIGLEY - DERRY

SEAMUS O'KANE - DONEGAL

JOHN WHITE - DONEGAL

PETER PRINGLE - DONEGAL

JOE QUINN - LIMERICK - TIPPERARY - CLARE

STELLA MAKOWSKI - LIMERICK - TIPPERARY - CLARE

BERNADETTE MCALISKEY - TYRONE

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